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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1-3-02
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) Drawing No(s) _____
- 20) Other: _____

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Applicant's election, with traverse, of the fifth species of Figure 14 is acknowledged.

Figure 14 pertains to a method of operating the apparatus of Figure 13. In previously prosecuted applications applicant has maintained that the apparatus of Figure 2 is materially different from that of Figure 2 is materially different from that of Figure 13. The Examiner notes an argument made on the allegation of no serious burden and it unpersuasive because it is a ~~conclusory~~ concluding statement^{with no supporting facts.} Moreover, the apparatus of Figure 13 and Figure 2 are materially different as already acknowledged by applicants and the methods of operating them are also materially different. The traverse is unpersuasive. The election requirement is deemed proper and made Final.

Applicant has identified all of the remaining claims 15-17 as readable on Figure 14.

The description of the species of Figure 13 and 14 begins on page 28, line 15 of the specification.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 15 "supplying coolant into the coolant path... when the substrate

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temperature is changed by loading of the substrate on the placing table or a predetermined time
after the change in substrate temperature ”

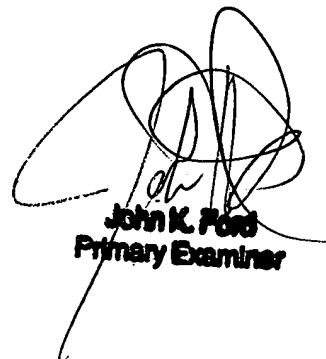
Claim 16 claims “supplying said coolant... to cool the substrate when or a predetermined time after the substrate is loaded on the placing table”

Claim 17 claims “supplying the coolant into the coolant path when or a predetermined time after the delivery means is moved downward”

None of the aforementioned limitations is supported with regard to the elected species.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to John Ford at telephone number (703) 308-2636.

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March 15, 2002



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